(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir. The Government is not considering such proposal.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) as above.

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461. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the media reports regarding LDF to seek loan waiver, railway zone;

(b) if so, action taken or proposed to be taken therein;

(c) whether any step is being taken to implement the former Government's promise to facilitate investment of Rs. 10,000 crores in Kerala and Rs. 2000 crores Kumarakam Package announced by the former Prime Minister;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor? .

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Action has been initiated.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Central investment of over Rs. 10,000 crores in projects of PSUs like capacity expansion of NTPC's power station at Kayamkulam, upgradation of Bharat Petroleum Corporation's Kochi Refinery and mineral exploration jointly by NDMC and Indian Rare Earths Ltd. are under implementation. As regards the Kumarakam package, Government of Kerala has received around Rs. 22 crores for tourism projects and Rs. 4.5 crores for IT development. The Ministry of Information & Technology has developed a Software Technology Park at Thiruvananthapuram which provides comprehensive services to companies engaged in software development and exports. Work on the railway project in the Shoranur—Calicut stretch of the Shoranur Mangalapuram line is in progress. Action has already been initiated to set up a Container Transshipment Terminal at Vallarpadam in Cochin port.

(e) Does not arise.